Revision in Price of Levy Sugar

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Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of the levy sugar has been revised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for raising the price of levy sugar twice within a period of six months;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase the quota of sugar per unit in the rural areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). The retail issue price of levy sugar for distribution through the Public Distribution System has been revised from Rs. 6.10 per Kg. which was effective from 24.7.1991 (evening) to Rs.6.90 per Kg. with effect from 21.1.1992. This revision has been necessitated in view of the increase in ex-factory prices of levy sugar resulting from increase in the Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane and manufacturing cost of sugar as also the increase in distribution cost.

(d) to (f). The quota of sugar per unit in the rural areas, within the overall allocation made to each State, is determined by the concerned State Governments.

Problems of Sugar Industry

5407. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA· Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state·

(a) whether the State Governments have increased the price of sugarcane whereas the Union Government have reduced the sugar prices;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the situation;

(c) whether there is any provision to provide subsidy to sugar industry; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to solve the problems of the sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Government of India have increased the Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane from Rs. 23 per quintal of cane in 1990-91 season to Rs. 26 per quintal of cane, linked to a basic recovery of 8.5% with proportionate premium for higher recovery, for 1991-92 season (October to September). Based on this cane price and other escalations in cost, Government of India have reviewed the zonal ex-factory levy sugar prices and have notified the same for 1991-92 season on 21.01.1992, which are higher than that notified for 1990-91 season on 27.03.1991. However, some State Governments are reported to have announced higher State Advised Cane Prices.

(b) State Governments have been advised to exercise restraint while announcing State Advised Cane Prices.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) To improve viabil 'y of sugar facto ries Government have taken various meas ures as continuation of levy freesale ratio at 45 55 grant of inventives by way of higher freesale quota on production achieved dur ing early and late crushing periods grant of loans from the Sugar Development Fund at concessional rates of interest for cane de velopment schemes as well as for moderni sation/rehabilitation

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Supply of Samples by FCI

5408 DR C SILVERA Will the Minis ter of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has been supplying samples of items of Fair Price Shops in Delhi and other States

(b) if not the reasons therefor and

(c) the action taken to ensure supply of samples of each item to Fair Price Shops invariably in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not directly supply samples of foodgrains to the fair price shops The samples are drawn jointly by FCI and the concerned State wholesale agency and it is the responsibility of the said agency to make available the samples to the respective fair price shops for display

(c) No action is called for as far as FCI is concerned

Research and Development of Ancient Weaponary System

5409 SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the ancient Indian texts such as Vedas depict a very highly devel oped weaponary system particularly the Agnivana in India

(b) whether there is any proposal to develop and encourage research facilities in this regard

(c) if so the details thereof and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes Sir

(b) to (d) Government of India has established Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pra tishthan whose policy is to encourage and support any scholar who would approach for assistance with requisite qualifications to pursue Vedas Vedanges and Upvedas which includes Dhanurveda also

Family Planning

5410 SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Family Planning has become quite costly in the recent past and is likely to become costlier in future

(b) if so the action contemplated to provide cheap family planning methods

(c) whether the Government are consid ering a proposal to involve the non allo pathic doctors in villages in the Family Plan ning Programme and

(d) if so the details thereof?